H. R. 425.

FEBRUARY 7, 1829.

Read twice, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Drayton, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported the following bill:

A BILL

For the protection of the people of Arkansas, and of the States bordering upon the Indian settlements towards Mexico and the Rocky Mountains.

- Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives
- 2 of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That,
- 3 for the protection of the people of the Territory of Arkansas,
- 4 and of the States bordering upon the Indian settlements to-
- 5 wards Mexico and the Rocky Mountains, the President of the
- 6 United States, when, in his opinion, the occasion may require
- 7 it, be, and he is hereby, authorized to accept the services of as
- 8 many companies of the militia of the said Territory and States,
- 9 not exceeding four, which shall serve on foot or mounted, as
- 10 the President may direct, for a period not exceeding four
- 11 months.
 - 1 Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That each of the said
- 2 companies shall consist of one captain, one first lieutenant, one

- 3 second lieutenant, three sergeants, four corporals, two buglers,
- 4 and forty-two privates.
- SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That the said compa-
- 2 nies shall be completely armed and equipped, including
- 3 horses, at their own expense, and that, when mounted, the
- 4 non-commissioned officers, buglers, and privates, shall be al-
- 5 lowed, each one dollar a day, and when, not mounted, seventy
- 6 cents a day, in full compensation for their services, rations, or
- 7 forage, as the case may be: the commissioned officers shall
- 8 receive the same pay and rations as officers of the same
- 9 grades in the Army of the United States, excepting that, when
- 10 mounted, each commissioned officer shall be allowed ten dol-
- 11 lars a month in lieu of forage.
 - 1 Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That the officers,
 - 2 non-commissioned officers, buglers, and privates, raised pur-
 - 3 suant to this act, shall be entitled to the same compensation
 - 4 in case of disability, by wounds or otherwise, incurred in the
 - 5 service aforesaid, as officers, non-commissioned officers, musi-
 - 6 cians, and privates, in the present military establishment of
 - 7 the United States.
 - Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That the said compa-
 - 2 nies of militia, whilst in service as aforesaid, shall be subject
 - 3 to the rules and articles of war.
 - 1 Sec. 6. And be it further enacted, That, for defraying the
 - 2 expenses of the said companies of militia, the sum of twenty-

- 3 eight thousand two hundred and eighty dollars, and for the
- 4 contingencies incidental thereto, the sum of two thousand dol-
- 5 lars, be appropriated, to be paid out of any moneys in the
- 6 Treasury, not otherwise appropriated.